

DOE BY ONE

Turkish Forts Guarding the Dardanelles Being Destroyed. Forty Warships Are Moving on Toward Constantinople.

FT. INTEPE BATTERED DOWN

Moslem Encampments Along the Shores Are Bomarded.

Fortifications at the Entrance Are Dismantled.

COMMON PEOPLE DON'T KNOW

Only Nobility of Constantinople Aware of Danger to City

And They Have Made Immediate Preparations to Flee.

Athens, Feb. 27.—An allied fleet aggregating forty warships today penetrated the Dardanelles as far as Hortari and within range of Fort Intepe on the Asiatic side, according to reliable information reaching here today.

Fort Intepe was destroyed. Various Turkish encampments also were destroyed. The ships are now within range of Fort Hortari.

A French squadron is cruising under the forts at the entrance to the straits, which are now entirely dismantled.

Attack Made in Earnest.

A fleet of British and French warships continues to hammer away today at the door of the Dardanelles, the straits which close Russia's rich granary; and the very real necessity of releasing the huge supply of wheat on the shores of the Black sea causes the general belief that the present attack on the Dardanelles forges a serious undertaking, and not merely a demonstration.

Official announcement declares that after the reduction of the four outer Dardanelles forts mine sweepers were to work within the straits under the protection of the guns of the fleet while unofficial dispatches from Athens and Rome assert that at least one French warship actually has penetrated the passage.

Land Batteries Destroyed.

Athens, Feb. 27.—Two Turkish forts inside the Dardanelles are being heavily shelled by Vice Admiral Carden's fleet and part of one of the land batteries has been destroyed, according to dispatches received here today.

Several vessels in the allied fleet have suffered slight damage. The Turkish shells, however, are badly aimed and despite the short range at which the engagement is occurring, the forts have been unable to force the warships to retire. Dispatches received here state that the cannonading continues and is growing more violent. The two forts under fire are the Turkish defenses inside the strait, the outer fort having been demolished.

People Know Nothing.

The people of Constantinople know nothing of the attempt to force the Dardanelles, according to advices received here. Members of the leading families and of the nobility have been informed, however, and have made all preparations to flee to Asiatic Turkey, fearing the approach of the Russian army from the north would cut off their retreat. One dispatch received here today stated that three Imperial trains, with steam up, are being held at Haydar Pasha on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus. The residents of Princes Islands, in the Marmora sea, exiled from Constantinople, have been notified to make ready to flee.

The Turks have assembled a fleet of about twenty-five warships in the Nagara Roads to engage the allies, if the Anglo-French fleet succeeds in forcing its way through the narrow stretch of the Dardanelles. Against these, Vice Admiral Carden will send the battleship cruiser, Inflexible, carrying twelve inch guns, and the battleships Cornwallis, Vanguard, Triumph and Agamemnon. The French battleships Suffren, Daulois and Houvet, with auxiliaries, will give the allies a combined strength of at least twenty-eight vessels in the firing line.

TO WAIT A WEEK.

Topeka Postoffice Will Not Be Moved Until Next Saturday.

The moving of the Topeka postoffice from the Kellam building, Fifth and Jackson street, to the federal building, has been postponed one week. The move was to have been made tonight and Sunday for the opening in the new office next Monday, March 1. Owing to several minor matters which have not yet been accounted for, master Rigby announced this morning that the office will not be moved until Saturday, March 6.

LEGEND OF ASPHYXIATION.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The legend of the asphyxiation properties of the three-inch projectile, says an artillery officer, "has been accounted for. We often found in the trenches bodies of soldiers who appeared to have been struck by a thunderbolt—no trace of wound, no blood to be found on their bodies. It was finally decided to clear up the matter and autopsies were made of such cases. Each time there was found somewhere in the body a small fragment of our three-inch shell, having made an imperceptible wound but having penetrated to a vital spot, causing internal hemorrhages. This is due to the marvelous shell which breaks on the average into 2,500 pieces, about half the length of a lead pencil and the thickness of a visiting card."

BILL IN HOUSE TODAY TO REGULATE CITY JITNEYS

Legislature Would Require Bond for Protection of Passengers. Also May Be Required to Employ Expert Drivers.

LICENSE OF \$10 A YEAR

Sliding Scale To Be Based on Capacity of the Machine.

Jitney Companies Now Regulated Only by Auto Operation.

The Kansas legislature may enact a law to regulate the jitneys. A committee is under consideration which provides a state license for public motor conveyances and regulates its operation.

It is regarded as probable that the legislature will demand payment of a state license of \$10 a year for each jitney car and may go so far as to establish a sliding scale for all motor conveyances, license being based on capacity of the car. But the annual license fee is not the only provision considered in the drafting of the jitney bill. If a bill which is being considered by several house committees is reported for passage, jitney car owners will be compelled to provide a bond to insure the safety of passengers. It is also probable that the jitney owners may be required to employ only expert drivers and it has been rumored that special qualifications may be required of these drivers.

At the present time jitney companies are regulated only by the general statutes governing the operation of automobiles and motor cars. With the advent of the new public conveyance system, a special law has been considered which will not only bring new revenue to the state, but will add to the safety of patrons of the jitney lines.

TOPEKAN GOES UP

J. E. Johanson Made General Freight Agent Rock Island.

Entered Service With Santa Fe in This City in 1893.

Joseph E. Johanson, formerly of Topeka, has been appointed general freight agent of the Rock Island Lines with headquarters in Little Rock.

Mr. Johanson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Johanson of 329 Western avenue. He entered railway service in 1893 with the Santa Fe in Topeka and was employed in the freight auditing department.

Not long after that, he entered the service of the C. O. & G. railway in fact, this has been the most dismal time now a part of the Rock Island system.

His appointment as general freight agent came as a surprise when announced in railway circles today. Johanson is an able and popular official. He will have charge of the freight business of the Rock Island throughout the south.

STILL MORE SNOW

And Kansas Will Receive Additional Supply Tonight.

For 12 Hours Today Temperature Stood at Freezing Point.

Snow instead of rain today, and more of it scheduled for tonight. The previous gloom record for February has been eclipsed by a wide margin; in fact, this has been the coldest month of any name in the last 28 years in Topeka with three exceptions—January, 1909; December, 1913, and December, 1914. This is the sixteenth cloudy day this month.

The precipitation is general over the entire state. There was rain late Friday and this morning, turning to snow. The snow is the heaviest in the extreme northern and western portions of the state, according to the Santa Fe reports.

The mercury was at 4 o'clock this morning. By 5 o'clock it had turned to sleet; at 6 o'clock snow began to fall. Up to 10 o'clock this morning the precipitation was .14 of an inch. The total for the month up to that time was 2.31 inches; normal for February is 1.33. This month has been one of the wettest corresponding periods on record. Because of the slight drop in temperature that is expected tonight the month will take a second place in respect to moderate temperature.

The mercury was at the freezing point at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock this morning.

Shippers forecast: "Protect 36 hour shipments north and west against temperature of 20 degrees; south and east, 24 and upwards."

Temperature 32 Degrees.

The temperature was 32 degrees today; there was variation between 32 o'clock this morning and 2 o'clock this afternoon. The precipitation up to 2 o'clock this afternoon was .25 of an inch. The snow melted almost as rapidly as it fell on the streets.

The hourly readings:

3 o'clock.....	9 o'clock.....
4 o'clock.....	10 o'clock.....
5 o'clock.....	11 o'clock.....
6 o'clock.....	12 o'clock.....
7 o'clock.....	1 o'clock.....
8 o'clock.....	2 o'clock.....

Snow and Rain at Hutchinson.

Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 27.—Nearly an inch of rain and some snow have fallen here during last night and today. It extends all over western Kansas.

Heavy Snow at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 27.—A heavy snow is falling here.

Atchison—Snow and Colder.

Atchison, Kan., Feb. 27.—A heavy snow began falling here early this morning. It is accompanied by temperature slightly above freezing and melts almost as fast as it falls but the mercury is slowly dropping.

RUSSIAN BEAR HAS TURNED

He Turns on His Pursuers in Northern Poland.

German Drive on Warsaw Has Been Checked.

NEW SLAV FORCES APPEAR

Stanislaw Has Been Recaptured From Kaiser's Forces.

War in the West Carried On by Aeroplanes.

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SOOTHING LITTLE LOVE PATS EXCHANGED IN HOUSE TODAY

Neihart Said Speaker Stone's Law Partner Was Grain Dealer's Attorney. Neat Bomb Dropped by Representative in Inspection Bill.

FARR-RESLER IN A ROW

One Charged Other With Telling an Untruth on the Floor.

Then He Was Fined a Barrel of Apples and Storn Blew Over.

All of the weekend supply of oratory is being used in the house today in a discussion of the compulsory grain inspection bill. It is the biennial consideration of the bill and is always good for a lively fight. In today's discussion, both the merits of the bill and personal integrity of members were brought into question.

Speaker Stone personally led the fight to kill the bill. He declared for federal inspection, but declared that all of the protection under compul-

UNITED STATES SUBMARINES DEFENDING PANAMA CANAL



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CATTLE BEFORE HUMAN BEINGS

Legislature Quibbles 40 Days Over \$27,000 for Tuberculosis.

While in 48 Hours It Gives \$300,000 for Stock Disease.

SAME PERIOD 100 PERSONS DIE

But Let a Few Cattle Become Infected and Politicians Howl.

Kansas Wants and Needs and Must Have Money for Norton.

For more than forty days the legislature held up a \$27,000 emergency appropriation for the tuberculosis sanitarium at Norton and more than

SENATE SHOULD WIPE OUT EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Bill Passed Senate to Reorganize All Territory Here.

Twenty-Six Sections Would Replace Thirty-Four in This Act.

STIR UP LOCAL POLITICS

Introduced by Troutman to Save \$100,000 a Year Here.

Shawnee and Wabunsee County Included in New Third.

Twenty-six Kansas judicial districts, replacing the thirty-four now on the map, are provided for in the senate's reapportionment bill introduced today by James A. Troutman of Shawnee, chairman of the committee which has been working on the senate's reapportionment measure. The bill was passed immediately by the senate by a vote of 34 to 4. The new bill wipes out eight Kansas judicial districts and, if passed both houses in its present form, will stir up local Kansas politics more thoroughly than any measure of recent years. Its object is the saving of an expense to the state estimated at upwards of \$100,000 a year.

At the same time with the reapportionment bill the committee presented to the senate a measure providing for the assignment of judges by the supreme court to try cases in districts other than their own for the purpose of relieving overloaded dockets. Under such a law a judge would go from his own district into any other to which he was sent by order of the

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ANOTHER SHIP HIT

Another British Merchantman Disabled by the Germans.

France Opposes Proposal of United States to Belligerents.

London, Feb. 27.—Another British merchantman is reported to have been torpedoed by a submarine in the English channel. A French warship had gone to the assistance of the vessel. The identity has not been established. A Paris dispatch says that the French press is unanimous in its opposition to the informal proposal of the United States to Great Britain and Germany concerning the admission of food supplies to belligerent nations for the civil population and the cessation of submarine attacks on merchantmen.

Great Britain's allies also are said to have advised her that they favor the policy of cutting off supplies from Germany.

Clashes between the factions favoring the opposing war continue to create disturbances in Italy and the

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H. U. MUDGE'S O. K.

He Tells the L. C. C. of the Rock Island's Condition.

Denies the Reports to Contrary Already Filled.

Washington, Feb. 27.—James Speyer, head of the New York banking house of Speyer & Company, made a voluntary statement before the interstate commerce commission today of his firm's dealings with the Rock Island system during the period of its history under investigation.

The firm never had occupied the position of fiscal agent for the Rock Island system, acting as a principal had bought and sold between 1904 and 1912, securities of the Rock Island Railway company itself of some \$170,400,000 face value. The total profit on these transactions for his firm, Mr. Speyer said, was \$1,438,743, or eight-tenths of one per cent. Not all of the firm's transactions in Rock Island securities resulted in profit, Mr. Speyer added.

Mr. Speyer was preceded by Ogden Mills, a director of the Rock Island Railway company, and of the New Jersey holding company.

Mr. Mills said he had no personal knowledge of the various payments in stock or bonds, in addition to the salary, made to various officers of the Rock Island system. In several instances he did not know of them until they were mentioned during the present hearing. He had no personal knowledge as to the actual value of securities carried on the company's books as assets, saying the directors "took the word of our officers" on all these matters.

"Do you think the other members of the board not on the executive committee knew as little about the affairs of the road as you did?" he was asked.

"They only knew what was brought before the board," the witness said.

George P. Johnson, who examined 7,200 miles of the Rock Island system for Koutze Brothers of New York, declared he had found the line in as good physical condition as any of its immediate competitors. He was followed by Henry U. Mudge, president of the Rock Island, who testified that the physical condition of the system, disagreeing with reports of poor condition already filed in the hearing.